

IDOE REGION 6 OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

December 2014

HELLO!

We hope you have enjoyed this “warm” weather this winter and hopefully it sticks around. Your Region 6 DOE support staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AROUND THE REGION:

Linda and I would like to congratulate the two Region 6 Presidential Scholars, Tyler Webb from Calumet New Tech HS in Lake Ridge and Alisha Dzarski from Chesterton HS in Duneland. We would also like to congratulate Lake Station’s Bailey Elementary for being recognized by the Department of Education as an Exceptional Student Performance Title I Distinguished School for 2013-14. Please look forward to receiving a flyer for registration for a regional workshop by John Wolf, DOE Literacy expert, and Bill Reed, DOE Math specialist. This workshop will fill up very quickly, so please register when you receive the flyer.

RESOURCES:

[Literary Passages](#)

[Hour of Code](#)

[View the Data Meeting Tools](#)

[Academic Intervention Tools Chart](#)

[Kindergarten Indiana Academic Standards 2014 .docx](#)

[First Grade Indiana Academic Standards 2014.docx](#)

[Second Grade Indiana Academic Standards 2014.docx](#)

DOE INFORMATION:

- **MEMORANDUM: Feb. 9 Funding Deadline for FITNESSGRAM® Grants**

Research shows a strong association between fitness and academic success, and FITNESSGRAM is the most widely used tool to assess health-related fitness for students in grades 4-12. Schools—and now school districts—may apply January 1-February 9 for Presidential Youth Fitness Program grants to implement FITNESSGRAM® for fall 2015. The grants provide access to resources to support implementation of the PYFP program, including:

For more information, see www.jumpinforhealthykids.org/fitnessgr

- **MEMORANDUM: Indiana Department of Education** announced Title I award grants for Indiana schools today. Virgil I. Bailey Elementary School in Lake Station Community Schools was honored as a National Title I Distinguished School for Exceptional Student Performance for a Title I school. IDOE staff reviewed 32 Title I nominated Hoosier schools, to read more about the Title I schools click [HERE](#).

- **MEMORANDUM: Assessment Update – ECAs** (Resources for Educators) Announcing....We are pleased to announce that Blueprints and Instructional and Assessment Guidance documents for the Spring 2015 accountability ECA assessments are now posted on the following web page:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/end-course-assessments-ecas>.

([see memorandum](#))

- **MEMORANDUM: Winter Instructional Time Reminders**

As we enter into the winter season it is time to review important information about closings and delays. Please find the [2014-2015 Winter/Weather FAQ here](#).

- **The Chicago Metro History Education Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Loyola University Chicago** would like to invite K-12 teachers to apply for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute "Rethinking the Gilded Age and Progressive Era: Capitalism, Democracy, and Progressivism, 1877 to 1920." NEH Summer Scholars will spend four weeks in Chicago, a center of Progressive Era reform, engaging in vigorous discussions about this critical time period in American history and creating materials to use in their classrooms. We are committed to building a diverse team of participants reflecting a range of disciplines, grade levels, and regions of the country. Graduate students who are training to become K-12 teachers are also eligible to apply. Interested in applying? Visit www.gildedandprogressive.org or email cjohnson@chicagohistoryfair.org.
- **Indiana Conference on Learning 2015**, The American Student Achievement Institute is pleased to announce that [registration](#) is open for the 2015 Indiana Conference on Learning! Join them in Indianapolis on Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 9am to 4pm. Follow conference sponsor ASAI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates about the conference and more.
- **The Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP)**, is funded by the U.S. Department of State and provides your school with a language teacher from Egypt or China to teach Arabic or Mandarin for one year. For more information, or to apply, please visit [The TCLP Website](#). The application deadline is **Monday, January 26, 2014**. Or contact Daniel Cassidy, Senior Program Officer, Teacher Programs, American Councils for International Education at (202) 833-7522 or American_Councils_for_Internatio@mail.vresp.com] ([learn more & dates](#))

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Available through the Northwest Indiana Education Service Center, (219) 926-5555**
Executive Director: Edward Schoenfelt eschoenfelt@nwiesc.k12.in.us
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[Professional Development](#)

January 1/12/2015 **Implementing the New Indiana College and Career Readiness Math Standards; Grades K-2**

- 1/13/2015 This two-day series, developed by math consultants Bob Trammel and Jennifer Lee, is intended to help all educators implement the new Indiana College and Career Readiness Standards for Mathematics. The sessions will blend content standards and process standards in a holistic fashion. Participants may choose to attend the entire series or select specific days.

1/20/2015 **Applying the WIDA ELD Standards Framework in the ELA Classroom**

The English Language Development Standards Framework is based on a student-centered, teacher-focused approach to engage English language learners (ELLs) in academic language development. This interactive workshop provides a foundation for participants who are using the Indiana CCR Standards in conjunction with the WIDA ELD Standards. They will engage in hands-on activities that explore academic language to enhance student language learning in the classroom.

1/20/2015 **Textbook Caravan: Social Studies K-12**

Textbook selection committees will find Textbook Caravan 2014 a rich source of information as publishers display their materials and present informative sessions for K-12 Social Studies. Location: Radisson Star Plaza, Merrillville.

1/27/2015 **ParaPro Test 9AM to noon**

This is the actual test, not a review class. Only the COMPUTER version of the test will be given, not the paper/pencil version. The non-refundable fee of \$40 must be received before registration is complete.

1/28/2015 **John Kuglin: Session Three: Building Interactive Content Modules**

- Six Day iEducator Program: Six Days That Will Make a Difference—Transforming Your Teaching

1/29/2015 Practices for Success in the 1 to 1 Flipped Classroom. This six-day series is divided into three two-day sessions developed by consultant John Kuglin, is intended to help ALL educators find a balance among instruction, assessment, and the effective use of digital tools. The program is designed to promote higher order thinking, engaged students learning, and authentic assessment practices in the classroom. These elements are vital characteristics of 21st Century teaching and learning, and they are critical for making the transition into 1 to 1 learning environments.

Outreach Coordinator – Region 6, Northwest, IN (Lake, Newton, Jasper, and Porter)

The job bank posting can be viewed [here](#); however, internal candidates must apply via Self Service.

Job ID: 593814

Deadline to apply: 12/30/14

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